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Get a Clue @ Your Library

Summer Reading Programs at Kentucky Public Libraries are right around the corner and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) has been sponsoring workshops to prepare children's librarians. The annual Summer Reading Workshops were again held this past February. The workshops featured a series of presentations on Summer Reading topics by Kentucky librarians, followed by an afternoon session of hands-on art activities. Something new this year, as a follow-up to the Summer Reading Workshops, children's librarians in eastern Kentucky came together at three locations for a Summer Reading "Big Idea Showcase and Cut-up Party." At these workshops the children's librarians shared ideas and made Ellison die cut-outs for their Summer Reading activities.



KDLA Consultant Jimmie Epling helps librarians
"Get a Clue" at the Big Idea Showcase

About 230 librarians attended the 2007 Summer Reading Workshops in Frankfort. The morning presentations were provided by Nelson County's Catherine Williams, Clark County's Renee Bush, Lawrence County's Deanna Nelson, Boone County's Dawn McMillan and Sally McSpadden, Campbell County's Valerie Davis, LaRue County's Kathy Crawford, and KDLA's Carol Baughman and Nikole Wolfe. Each presentation focused on a different aspect of children's services for Summer Reading.

After lunch the librarians returned for a presentation and pep talk by Bright Ring Publishing's MaryAnn Kohl. Kohl spoke about "organizing arts" activities that are child-expressive and exploratory. She is the author of award winning books about allowing children to explore the many facets of their world through art as a process. Her theory of "process not product" emphasizes the process of exploring and creating, rather than the finished product, as most important for the young artists who will participate in Summer Reading Programs. After the presentation participants were invited into Kohl's studio for various hands-on activities.

Following-up on the momentum of the Summer Reading Workshops, KDLA sponsored workshops in Clay County, Perry County and Rowan County to allow children's librarians to swap ideas and practice making die cut-outs on the Ellison die machines. These "Big Idea Showcases and Cut-up Parties," facilitated by Fivco/Big Sandy

Regional Consultant Jimmie Epling, allowed librarians to share general Summer Reading program ideas that have worked in the past along with ideas exclusive to this year's theme, "Get a Clue."

These are some ideas generated at the workshops:

- Most libraries have a kickoff event for Summer Reading sign-up, but allow registration at any time, even the last day. Some children pre-register at schools and preschools.
- Have a Summer Reading outreach in daycare facilities and Family Resource Centers, or bring in groups from daycares and Family Resource Centers to the library.
- Local community action agencies or Family Resource Centers can often arrange for lunch for Summer Reading participants.
- Among the ideas for wrap-up activities were picnics in the park, pool parties, game days, and special performers. Some libraries employ a carnival approach, allowing participants to earn and buy tickets to be used for games and prizes.
- Local restaurants, retail stores and service providers will often give certificates and other incentives. Book Bucks - Participants earn "Book Bucks" for books read, programs participated in, etc., which can be used to buy books or other items from the "Library Store."
- Bring in local law enforcement/fire and rescue squads. Have them give tours of their law enforcement/rescue vehicles for younger participants, and have them do CSI type demonstrations of crime solving methods for older participants.
- "Who Am I?" For younger children, use the Ellison Mask die to semi-cover the faces of popular book characters, such as Clifford, Curious George, Madeline, etc. For older children, use information about book characters or authors.
- "Who Are YOU?" (Genealogy). Let younger children make family trees; introduce older children to genealogy resources.
- "Get a Clue About..." Introduces participants to different careers and professions. Bring in professionals from the community.
- Scavenger Hunts: in-library or city-wide.
- "What is It?" Put various items in boxes. Blindfolded participants attempt to identify them. Or "Guess that Smell."
- Archeological Dig. Fill plastic swimming pools with sand and small items, have smaller children conduct an archeological dig. Tie-in with books about archeology.
- Mystery Animals. Use characteristics of animals, and have participants guess what the animals are.
- "Guess Who?" Distort images of famous people, characters, even participants, in Photoshop and have participants guess who is who.
- Create a "Who/Where/What Am I?" PowerPoint. Use famous people, places and events.

Nearly 50 children's librarians participated in the three sessions of the Big Idea Showcases. Combined with the attendance at the Summer Reading Workshops in Frankfort, nearly 300 participated in KDLA sponsored Summer Reading presentations and activities. The growing interest in workshops like these emphasizes the need for organized preparation for the annual Summer Reading Program.

New Text Express Youth Discussion Kits Added in March 2007

Text Express Youth Discussion Kits are ready-to-use youth programs designed specifically for public libraries. Each kit is designed around high quality books for children and young adults. The kits offer a wide range of literary styles and genres, designed to promote thoughtful discussions. The kits premiered in March of 2006 with twenty titles to choose from. Due to popular demand, twelve new kits were added this year. The titles were selected by a committee of youth service librarians from across the state.

The new titles are listed below.

For a complete list of titles, please go to

<http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/children/text-express.htm>

You can also search the catalog <http://kdla.kyvl.org> to see which kits are currently available.

Each kit includes:

- 20 paperback copies of the book
- Audio Book*
- Information about the book and the author
- Discussion Questions
- Activity Guide
- Resources for Discussion Leaders

*Select titles only

Reserve a kit using the online form at

http://www.kdla.ky.gov/research/asklib_publib_materials.asp

For more information, contact Nikole Wolfe, Children's & Youth Services Consultant
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Grade 4 & Up:

Al Capone Does My Shirts
Gennifer Choldenko

Bud, Not Buddy
Christopher Paul Curtis

The Tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread
Kate DiCamillo

Grade 6 & Up:

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town
Kimberly Willis Holt

Music from a Place Called Half Moon
Jerrie Oughton

Eragon
Christopher Paolini

Grade 8 & Up:

Speak
Laurie Halse Anderson

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
Ann Brashares

Crank
Ellen Hopkins

The First Part Last
Angela Johnson

The Lovely Bones
Alice Sebold

Oldham County Public Library Offers Kits for Book Clubs

The Oldham County Public Library (OCPL) is jumping on the book club bandwagon by offering their patrons new kits for books clubs!

These kits each have 10 paperback copies of the title (some also include a large-type copy) and an information package filled with discussion topics, author interviews and insights and more. They come in a sturdy, rolling bag (no heavy lifting required!) that is just the right size to take to a meeting.

Here's how they work:

- The kit is checked out to one club member and all the books and materials are returned in the kit at the same time.
- The kit checks out for eight weeks. It may be renewed for two weeks if it is not reserved.
- Overdue fines are \$1.00/day to a maximum of \$10.00.
- If a member of the book club misses a meeting and the book can't be returned with the kit, the member may return the book separately at no charge. However, books missing from kits for more than 30 days will be charged to the account on which the kit was borrowed.

"These book club kits are something our patrons have been asking for and we are so happy to be able to provide them," Public Services and Outreach Librarian Janet Blake said. "OCPL is offering 10 kits right now, but keep checking our web site at www.oldhampl.org for updates because we plan to add titles in the future."

For more information about this program contact Janet Blake at 502-241-9899 or janetb@oldhampl.org.

Summer Loss Prevention Program

The Adair County Public Library, in partnership with the Adair County School System, has created a Summer Loss Prevention Program. After reviewing Adair County school scores, for grades 1-6, over the past 2 years it was found that test scores in reading and math have fallen dramatically when students are off for the summer. This program is designed to decrease the summer loss that students have exhibited especially in reading.

The Summer Reading Program will be incorporated into the school's summer programs so that all will be doing the "Get a Clue" program. The bookmobile will go to areas in the county where there are pockets of students and present programs to encourage reading throughout the summer. The kickoff is scheduled for May 29th with Storyteller Mary Hamilton and will continue until school is back in session. The students' reading will be tracked bi-monthly using reading logs. Prize drawings will be used to encourage continued participation. The test scores, after the program ends, will be compared to the students' testing during the school year.

What's a UFIR?

The UFIR or Uniform Financial Information Reporting Form is a report every library in Kentucky must complete about its finances. The report must be completed and submitted to the Governors Office of Local Development (GOLD) annually by May 1st. A copy must be filed with the county clerk. You can download the form on the GOLD website at <http://www.gold.ky.gov/finance/CitiesandSpecialDistricts/UFIR.htm>.

'Cross the Commonwealth

Peggy Brown, Director of the **Webster County Public Library**, passed away on April 6th following a brief illness. She will be remembered for more than 25 years of dedicated service to the library and the community.

On February 20th, the **Lexington Public Library** experienced major water damage when a pipe to the cooling tower on the roof failed. The repairs have recently been completed in the Central Library. The Reference Department re-opened March 1st, with the exception of the Kentucky Room, which opened March 14th. Insurance estimates put the damage amount at about \$250,000. The oldest damaged item was from 1813; other damaged items include the bound volume of the 1877 edition of the Lexington Press newspaper. Nearly \$15,000 has been donated to the library to help improve storage of archival materials.

Dave Schroeder took over as the new **Kenton County Public Library** Director on April 1st. He's the library's 3rd director, following Wayne Onkst, who was hired as Kentucky State Librarian and Commissioner last fall, and Mary Ann Mongan, the library system's original director and the person for whom the Covington library was named.

The Cold Spring Branch of the **Campbell County Public Library** re-opened in February after 13 weeks of being closed for remodeling. The branch now features warm and inviting colors of orange, green and brown, which provide the backdrop for wood-trimmed shelves and homey touches such as lamps on tables.

The **Logan County Public Library** has received a second \$50,000 check from the Carpenter Foundation for building enhancement. It is the second installment of a \$100,000 commitment from the Foundation.

Rowan County Public Library hours of service have increased from 54 to 64 hours a week. The library is now open on Sundays. The new library hours are: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-8:00pm, Friday-Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm, and Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm.

The **Monroe County Public Library** has received the Monroe County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Quarter Award for "excitement and willingness to support the Chamber of Commerce and Monroe County."

An exhibit of new and historic photos celebrating Clay Lancaster's classic study, *The American Bungalow: 1880-1930* is on display at **Lexington Public Library's** Central Library Gallery through June 3rd.

New Public Relations/Marketing Listserv

Every library director recognizes the critical need to increase public awareness of the vital contributions libraries make to communities. KDLA has started a new listserv for those connected to libraries who work with public relations and marketing. Directors, trustees, friends, and library staff who are looking for fresh, effective approaches to PR and marketing are invited to join this moderated listserv. The listserv will give those involved in this important work an opportunity to share ideas and strategies for increasing public awareness of libraries programs and services, as well as spreading the message that public libraries are community anchors.

To subscribe send a blank email message to join-kdla-pr@listserv.ky.gov

Ridgway Memorial Library Opens

Only the library's name is the same. Everything else about Bullitt County's Ridgway Memorial Library in Shepherdsville, Kentucky has changed. The construction project for the library took the original brick exterior and concrete block interior library, completed in 1972, and gutted it to the outside walls. Even one of the exterior walls was removed. In just under nine months the building was transformed from an old, cramped, unexciting building, into a beautiful modern facility. The project cost approximately \$2.1 million and the available space doubled to 16,000 square feet. The project was funded by a state construction grant, as well as local district money.



Ridgway Memorial Library's Children's Section

The library serves the communities of central Bullitt County and Shepherdsville, as well as housing the offices for Technical Services, Library Programmers, and Library Administration that supports Bullitt County Public Library's other branch locations located in Hillview, Lebanon Junction, and Mount Washington.

The new building features a meeting room that can comfortably seat 100 people, a teen's section (something new for the library system), a children's section, a history genealogy room, and an outside reading area. The library is now a brightly lit facility, with large windows, comfortable seating areas, and all new computers. The children's section has custom shelving, a bison and elk, wall graphics, infusion panels and a large mobile.

The people from the community enjoy visiting and spending time in a lovely and welcoming place. The Board of Trustees President Pam Polson, Vice President Henry Robinson, Secretary Jennifer Brookshire and board member Joyce Manning cut the ribbon on February 11th, and the library opened to the public the following day. If you are in the area be sure to stop in for a tour of the new facility.

May Continuing Education Events

3	Dreamweaver	Online
3-4	The Resource Sharing Detective: Citation Tracing	Online
8-9	Xtreme Web Searching	Online
10	Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence Prevention	Logan County
14	Information Literacy in the Public Library	Ohio County Public Library
14- 15	Public Awareness Leadership Institute	Louisville Courtyard Marriott
15	Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence Prevention	Caldwell County
15- 16	WorldCat Resource Sharing: Beyond the Basics	Online
17	Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence Prevention	Graves County
24	Information Literacy in the Public Library	University of the Cumberlands
30- 31	Classroom Management Techniques for Librarians	Online
30- 31	Promoting Library Services Using Blogs and RSS	Online

To get the full list of KDLA sponsored continuing education events visit KDLA's webpage at <http://kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm> or contact KDLA CE Coordinator Ron Critchfield at ron.critchfield@ky.gov or 502-564-8300, ext. 219.

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